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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

National Theatre—"The Black Flag,"
by the Goodwin-Thorne Combination, Matines
te-morrow, Modjeska next week.
Ford's Opera House—"Only a Farmer's
baughter," with Miss Arnes Horndon and a
tret-class company, Matines to-morrow, Hanon Bres next week.

Theatre Comique Variety perform-nce "The James Boys" Combination, Matinee to-morrow.

Temperance Lecture.—By Rev. W. H.
Boole at Metropolitan M. E. Church.

SEVERAL enterprising correspondents are hunting for the President's Message. They expect to print it to-morrow morning, but may conclude to wait one more day.

IT IS understood that the Senate, in investigating the late removals, will dispense with Executive secrecy. This is wise. It is even wiser than Brewster's method of holding Executive sessions with a stenographer behind a screen.

THE statement of Senator Dorsey, published in the morning papers, contains little or nothing that was not already known. Its chief interest rests in the fact that it is a consecutive presentation of wellknown facts not hitherto grouped in their logical sequence. But as he himself remarks, the persecution will doubtless go on all the same.

ME, M. D. HELM, foreman of the Congre sional Record, removed by the President for inpeding justice in the Star-Houte case, hap-pens to be the gentleman who managed the wholesale dismissal of printers who did not pay the full amount of their political assess nts prior to the November elections .- Cin-

There is but one answer to make to the above, and that is, that it is a lie out of whole cloth. Mr. Helm not only did not remove any printer, but he had no power to remove any one, and the Enquirer knew it when it published the above lie.

WE COMMEND the refusal of the Com-missioners to extend the tax relate period, The law itself is a nuisance, amounting, as it does, to a premium upon wealth and a penalty upon the poor. There is no reason why the District of Columbia should offer any special inducements to secure prompt payment of taxes. If taxes were doubtful assets it might be well enough to deal gingerly with the debtors. But in the case of a rich community, forming the political centre of the greatest nation in the world, such primitive methods as offering a premium for prompt payment of taxes is a ridiculous relic of barbarism.

ENGLAND expects every subsidized American newspaper to do its duty for the next three months. If Secretary Chand-ler's recommendations for the improvement of the materiel of the American Navy are adopted by Congress, the foundation will be laid for the rebuilding of a mari-time rivalry which in times past cost England many a pound sterling to meet and many a day of anxiety to circumvent. In recent years England has discovered that her cheapest way to keep down American maritime rivalry is by subsidizing a few New York editors to blackguard everybody who proposes any scheme for the promotion of American interests.

THE discharge of Major H. D. Norton from the Postoffice Department is a part of the programme of the Department of Justice deliberately entered upon to terrorize and control the witnesses in the coming Star-Route cases. The Brewsterian plan of "fixing" the jury failed because there were some honest and fearless men on the jury who refused to lend themselves to the Department of Justice. This time, instead of trying to "fix" the jury, the persecution will endeavor to fix the witnesses. Major Norton in the other trial testified to the truth. He is now reaping his reward. His discharge is notice to all employes of the Government that they must swear to what the persecution wants in these cases, or be

We go to press without any definite news from the seat of war. The very latest accounts represented Senator-elect Riddleberger still resting from the fatigues of the late campaign, while Captain McCarty prolonged his visit to a friend near Richmo In view of certain mistaken comments that have been ventured, it is proper to say that engaging in a duel would not disqualify Mr. Riddleberger for his seat in the Scuate under the laws of the United States. There is no Federal Statute to that effect, though most of the States, Virginia included, have such laws. Had the point been raised upon Mr. Riddleberger's eligibility under the laws of Virginia at the time of election, it might have been valid. But his credentials having passed to the files of the Senate, Virginia has no further jurisdiction over his tenure. If a Senator or any other man engages in a duel within the District of Columbia, he violates a local law, but is not disqualified from any elective office in consequence. The assumption, therefore, that Senator Riddleberger cannot meet Captain McCarty with-out racrificing his seat in the Senate is un-

Kicking at Bliss.

The local hostility in Washington city to the Star-lioute prosecution was shown yesterday by a minister of that city making the subject a text for a Thankegiving sormon, and in it denouncing the Attorney-General in unmossured terms. Because the latter allowed his interview with ex-Marshal Henry to be published he is branded as one who is more fit for a felon's cell than to preside over the Department of Justice. The star-Route theires have many spakelists and defenders; besides their regiment of great lawyers, they have now, it seems, secured a chaplatu. Philidelphia Press, to-day.

The friends of Rev. C. E. Roberts.

The friends of Rev. C. H. Richardson, the minister above alluded to, say that the report of the sermon printed in the morning papers here and sentaway by telegraph, was outrageously garbled, and that the passages in it in which he denounced the star-Route frauds, as well as the Government methods of prescution, were studiously omitted. If this be cution, were studiously omitted. If this be irue, it would be well to inquire what influ-ence procured the publication of this garbled report favorable to the Star-Rout: thieves, in report favorable to the Star-Routs Interes, in the city papers (including Mr. George Billss' own paper), and sent it broadcast over the country. And the religious community of Washington have a right to demand to know promptly who is responsible for this unscrupulous attempt to put the pulpit of the city in the stitude of championing the Star-Route thieves.—Washington Evening Star.

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The American Register.

Mr. John A. Walsh, who has a grievance, addresses a very lengthy closed letter to the Attemper-General of the United States, wherein he details the causes of his disturbance, it which epistic the latter does not seem inclined to reply. He then takes occasion to 1sy this came before the public through the columns of the New York Herdid, by means wheeset the public has become as well informed of the situation as the Atterney-General. The our continuous which has been as well informed of the situation as the Atterney-General. The our continuous which has been as well informed of the situation as the Atterney-General. The our continuous well as the Atterney-General and the situation as the Atterney-General. The our certain in his Atterney-General and the situation as the Atterney-General and the first has accord such a measure of credit to his testimony, delivered in its presence against the Star-Route conspirators, as, in his opinion, he deserved. He attributes this impregnability on the part of the members of the inquest to two causes; First, that a certain legislative document, the contents of which were not calculated to outribute to his reputation for veracity, had been surreptiously apposed to their inspection; and second, to the ract that a special prosecuting officer of the Government in the Grand Jury room expressed the opinion that it was "a serious matter to Indict a Sonator of the United States."

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Mr. Walsh wants the Attorney-General to do

something; but what can the Attorney-General, not being a legal factor of the Criminal

Court of the District of Columbia, nor in any

manner officially connected with its operations

do in the premiser? Mr. Walsh should have

addressed his complaint to the District Attor
ney. Mr. Bliss, who appears to be the

"special" who thought it a serious matter to

indict a Senator, was, if anything, only a

deputy of Mr. Counsellor Brewster, who was

almself, if anything, only a deputy of George

B. Corkhill, the District Attorney; and, as it is

not in the power of an agent to delegate his

antinority to another, if does not appear that

Mr. Bliss had any legal warrant for appearing

before the Grand Jury, and might be held to

answer for his intrusion. The Attorney-Gen
eral, however, who seems to have been ex
cited to activity by the Heraic publication,

now proposes to institute an inquiry into the

mode in which the document in question

found its way into the hands of the Grand

Jury, but there is no intimation that he de
signs to call on Mr. Bliss for an explanation of

his doings in the premises.

The most liberally indoesed specimen of

natural history described in Daniel or the

Revelations was not richer in heads and horms

than the Star-Route matter has become in ap
pendices under the manipulation of the At
torney-General and his associates. Under the

indictment there were only some half a dozen

persons held to answer; now almost every
body who had anything to in peril of arraignment,

either before some stated judiciary or at the

highest law officers of the Government. Tho

Attorney-General is of the United States, who,

according to the theory of our institutions and

the ideas of the people, is an officer appointed

to advise the Executive upon points of law

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Emma Thursby, during her brief concentious since her return from her brilliant irrumph in Europe, has fully proved her right and tille to the mame of "Queen of the concert from" and the "greatest living concert singer." Though it wolumn as colored may concert singer. Though it would be seen to be could not be fortil casecution, decidedly because of hearing her lately it must have been swident that her super lately it must have been swident that her super lately it must have been swident that her super and makelions voice has gained immensely in richness of tone, while in its upper register it has lost nothing of its phenomenal rauge and drystal clearness; its lower notes have acquired a breath and fullness which are suprising; her cheel notes are uttered with vigar yet without harshness. In Baltimore, where she sang last week, an able critic writes in the Star. Her first number was the famous aria from "Il liarbiere de Seviglia," "Una Voce Peoofa," which she will sing in Washington on Thursdey evening next. The highest praise that can be accorded her is to say that Etelka Gorster nover sang this delicate and very difficult composition, with all its intricate goviners, in better style or in so theroughly an artistic manner. As an encore, Miss Emma Thursby gave Taubert's beautiful molody, "I Don't Rnew Wherefore I Am Singing," which was formerly Jenny Lind's famous place de resistance, and with it, also, she achieved a signal and marked success. (This composition will be sung by Emma Thursby at the second concert on Saturday evening next.) Inmarked contrast to these numbers was the way in which a less perfect artist might have made to derivat from its grand simplicity by any vocal gymnastics. It was unjuestionably the general decidence, Miss Emma rawe a beautiful middless' and the residence of the artists of the country of t

An Alarming Weather Prophet. An Alarming Weather Prophet.

The President has received a communication from Frofessor E. Stone Wingtons, Li. D., astronomer of the Canadian Finance Department at Ottawa, needleting a tremendous storm in the early days of next March. He says that "the force will be sufficient to submerge the lowlands of the American coast, while the air currents for several hundred miles along the east side of the Rocky Houghton range, owing to the great amospharic pressure in those regions, will spread miversal destruction. The New England States will absure to the American the wind and deeds. Not never the sufficient the region of the Alantic, especially refined the squares, will be a place of safety. For this will be presentingly of the deed to the Alantic, especially of the squares will be a place of safety. For this will be presentingly and the same over visited this confuser where the days of your illustrious first Freedom."

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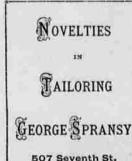
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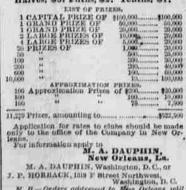
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